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SPECIFIC Ali Khan KANTIMIR - Traces

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1. The following are traces on KANTIMIR, which supplement that information on the SE/4 Caucasian Central Asian cards. Paragraph "k" below appears to be the source of the information that KANTIMIR is "known to have maintained intimate connections for many years with NKVD Agents in Switzerland" (quote from SE-4 card here). In addition, paragraphs "h" and "i" below may partially help to clarify this allegation. Other traces at Headquarters, of general political import, were not of sufficient significance to include.
 - a. JXK - 1840, 8 August 1945: The Caucasian organization of BAMAT, formed in Paris in 1937/38, was transferred to Berlin at the end of 1938. After the Russo-German non-aggression pact of 1939, BAMAT refused to continue collaboration and left for Switzerland. All Georgians left the organization, following BAMAT's example. Other Caucasians remained in Berlin under the direction of Ali Khan KANTIMIR.
 - b. L-2, 3 January 1946: KANTIMIR is listed in the Abwehr III-F list (as date given) of enemy agents, as a member of the Turkish IS now in the Turkish Foreign Ministry, Ankara.
 - c. JXK-5175, 14 November 1945: Ali Khan KANTIMIR, former Minister of the North Caucasian Republic at Baku from 1918-1920; naturalized Turkish citizen.
 - d. Headquarters Memo, 1 March 1946: The Japanese, in 1937, through Haydar BAMAT, attempted to establish a Turko-Japanese Intelligence Association for the purpose of gathering information concerning Russian activities. The most important agents recruited by BAMAT, in this pursuit, were Ali KANTIMIR, a Caucasian, now believed to be in Switzerland, and Balli WASHIMBERDOW.

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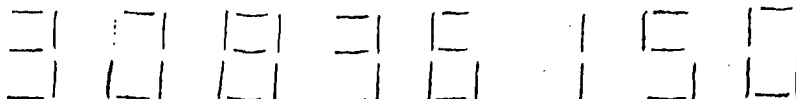
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- e. NSA-1449, 22 March 1948: Personal Situation of Ali Khan KANTIMIR: In 1941, Hajdar Bey HAMMATE relinquished to KANTIMIR the job of protecting the North Caucasian P/Ws from bad treatment by German authorities. However, KANTIMIR was disliked by the Gestapo and it was necessary for Michael KEDIA to intervene to prevent his arrest. KEDIA finally arranged for KANTIMIR to leave Germany in 1945.
- f. Excerpt of Headquarter's Memo, 20 December 1950: The BIS is trying to get Ali Khan KANTIMIR from Berne to Munich to edit a new newspaper, to be published by the North Caucasian Committee. However the Combined Travel Board refuses to issue a German permit to KANTIMIR.
- g. NSA-1768, 25 March 1951: The British subsidy of an anti-Soviet publication, to be edited by Ali Khan KANTIMIR in Munich, has commenced.
- h. NSA-261, 1 February 1951: [] reports that he continues to see the Israeli IS quite frequently. However [] is always very vague about these contacts. [] reported that, during his last contact with the IIS, he was told that Kamal El Dine GALAL, the Egyptian Press Attache in Berne, is in touch with the Soviets; also that the Egyptians have a trade mission in France negotiating with the Greeks and Russians for the purchase of arms. [] stated he reported this information to his British IS handler who instructed him to get in touch with Ali Bay KANDIMIR and ask KANDIMIR to find out what the Egyptians were doing. In a report dated 11 August 1948, [] reported that KANDIMIR and GALAL were very close friends.
- i. NSA-279, 9 March 1951: [] reported that it was the impression of the IIS that GALAL's contact with the Soviets was personal and not necessarily sanctioned by the Egyptian Government. (The IIS has (also) instructed [] to get in touch with Ali Bay KANDIMIR in order to induce KANDIMIR to learn the nature of GALAL's contact with the Soviets. [] reported he informed his BIS handler that the IIS had instructed him to recruit KANDIMIR. His BIS handler told him to go ahead. (Field Comments [] station questioned [] about this. His reply was that both BIS agents, [] and [] indicated to him that KANDIMIR is controlled and run by the [] without KANDIMIR's knowledge. [] added that he was informed by [] that KANDIMIR was not aware of the fact that he, KANDIMIR, would soon receive instructions to report to Germany.) Receiving instructions from the IIS and the go-ahead from the BIS, [] contacted KANDIMIR for the purpose of recruiting him.
- j. NSA-299, 12 April 1951: His BIS handler instructed [] to start convincing the IIS that KANDIMIR was of no value and that someone else should be recruited to approach Kamal El Dine GALAL. The BIS handler also stated that he had paid KANDIMIR for his trip to Germany, explaining he had left the money to KANDIMIR's mailbox and that KANDIMIR did not know the source of the money.

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- k. REG-1071, 12 April 1953: A State Dept. dissemination, DST-839, 3 February 1951, states "Reliable reports have stated since the summer of 1950 - that Russian 'experts' were sent to Egypt for prolonged visits in connection with satellite commercial transactions. In recent months (1950 - 1951), members of the Egyptian Legation in Bern have maintained intimate contacts with Arnost FAUBER, the Czech minister, and also with two members of the Hungarian legation, one a Mr. Joseph SEALL, secretary of the Legation. SEALL recently spent two months in Geneva where he was frequently seen with Kamal El Dine GALLAL, the Egyptian Press Attache, and another Egyptian, Ali Bey KANTIMIR, the Geneva correspondent of the Egyptian nationalist newspaper, 'Al Misri'. KANTIMIR is known to have maintained contacts for many years with NKVD agents who are active in Switzerland."
- l. RTI-1901, 11 February 1952: Hilal MUNCHI is an Azerbaijani emigrant who lived 30 years in Germany until December 1951, when he went to Istanbul to take a job as Chief of the German Press Office. MUNCHI, according to Said SHAMIL, a Caucasian living in Istanbul, is allegedly much opposed to the group to which Ali Han KANDIMIR and Abas HAQOMA belong. MUNCHI, SHAMIL reports, states this group is in the service of the [] under VON MENDEL.
- m. IN S-26075, 1 August 1952: Ahmad HAZARA, an Italian converted to Mohammedanism, acts as confidential agent of Abd al-KRIM, the exiled Rifian Moorish leader who lives in Cairo. HAZARA has relations with several exiled leaders from Russian-Turkistan, now living in West Germany and Switzerland, one of whom is Ali Bey KANTIMIR, of the National Turkistanian Unity Committee.
- n. EUNA-3206, 23 January 1953: At a Caucasian meeting, [] stated he intended to make it clear to the Kavkas group that the periodical must discontinue its anti-American line and refrain from attacks on the center. He would propose KANTIMIR be replaced as editor by someone more moderate.
- o. MOLA-11529, 10 May 1952: Herman BADE, who was then the head of the Collection Organization of ZIPFER, met with Ali Han KANTIMIR in Munich in 1946. KANTIMIR's code name then was "KANT". (Comments: POB may have more information on this and on any present connections between KANTIMIR and ZIPFER.)
- p. [] 20 March 1953: A confidential letter received by HOSTREL from Hannsen TRAND of ECHO, Munich, states that the British are endeavoring to replace Ali Han KANTIMIR by the pro-British Bey TUGAN, son.

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- q. MUNI 9058: On 27 March 1953, Dr. S. SACIDI, an Iranian studying medicine in Munich, escorted by Ali Khan KANTIMIR, offered the use of his large property between Julfa and Ordubad for Intelligence operations. Dr. SACIDI can be contacted up to the end of April without going through KANTIMIR.
- r. OELA-1606, 1 April 1953: Subject: Federation of Caucasian Emigrants. In Munich KUMUZ and GABASHVILI agreed with Azerbaijan, Georgian and North Caucasian representatives that it would not be practical to remove Ali Khan KANTIMIR, the present editor, from office, since he had been unanimously approved by the committee members.
- s. MRIA-594 (source []), 23 April 1953: (FREDAUGH's Visit to Turkey: The British sent BAY-TUGAN to Munich and stated they would cut off financial aid to the "Obedivennyi Kavkaz" unless BAY TUGAN were made editor. Ali KHAN KANTIMIR was allegedly saved only when Gear MAGALOV protested and threatened to give KANTIMIR an independent subsidy.
2. We understand [] [] presently at HARVARD awaiting resettlement, following arrest, interrogation and release by the Swiss authorities. The complete [] [] file is also at COM.

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